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Mr. Michael L. Thurmond
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Dear CEO Thurmond and Chief Conroy:

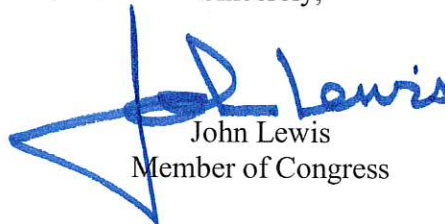
In the last week, I heard from a number of concerned constituents who were alarmed by the video of Ms. Katie McCrary's arrest in Decatur, Georgia. I respectfully write to request an update on the situation and plans to prevent a future reoccurrence.

As you well know, I greatly value the work and sacrifice of public safety officers in our community and across the country. In Congress, I am a long-standing supporter of Federal initiatives to bolster community policing, mutual trust, and respect between law enforcement professionals and those who they serve.

The video released last week cast a dark and troubling shadow over Metro Atlanta and our State. It is encouraging to know that the DeKalb County Police Department responded to the public outcry by reopening the investigation. We share the commitment of the importance of deescalating situations, protecting, and attending to the diverse and unique needs of the residents of our community.

As always, I appreciate your leadership and public service, as well as your attention to this critical and grave matter. I look forward to your response to this inquiry.

Sincerely,



John Lewis
Member of Congress